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Message of Resurrection

By A. K. Chesterton (Originally appeared in **TRUTH**, 11th April, 1947)

EASTER is a public holiday, the first of the year. That is the answer which would probably be given by many in the present generation if they were asked what Easter means, and now that the holiday with its pleasures or disappointments is over it passes without significance from their memory. It may be that the social workers and others on whose evidence the view of the modern attitude to Easter depends exaggerate the prevalence of religion, but it is obvious that their pessimism is not without foundation. The emptiness of the churches at the greatest festival of the Christian year is not the only sign of religious apathy. Personal no less than organised religion is regarded as unnecessary mental lumber in an age of collectivist planning and atom bombs.

This is not the place to discuss the loss which the individual character (it is unfashionable to talk about a 'soul') sustains from the neglect and suffocation of its most vital impulse. What is more appropriate to a political journal (TRUTH forerunner to CANDOUR. Ed.) is to examine the effect on the policy and achievements of the State, of which these self-mutilated individuals are the components. The aftermath of Easter invites such an examination; for , of all the Christian festivals, this is the one which has the clearest message not only for the individual but also for the body politic. It may truly be said that the message is even older than Christianity, which chose for the celebration of Resurrection of Christ a season dedicated by older custom to the resurrection of Nature, enriching rather than superseding the ancient tradition with a new and greater truth.

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April 23rd Our Day!

RAID ON *CANDOUR* EDITOR'S HOME 2 YEARS AGO: UPDATE

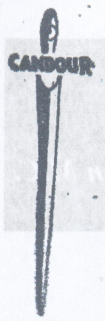
Briefly; following my complaints to the Hampshire Constabulary and then the Independent Police Complaints Commission (IPCC), about the raid at my home in March 2012, (See earlier *Candour's*) many pages of legal gobbledygook were the result. After an hour with a solicitor, recently, to explain the situation I left him with the paper work and saw him again a week later by which time he had condensed the deliberately obtuse language of the official responses into plain English and half a dozen lines.
It boils down to this.

First Hampshire Constabulary grudgingly conceded the following points in my favour;
UNLAWFUL ARREST for theft of police property.
UNLAWFUL IMPRISONMENT in custody for 22 hours.
BREACHES of P.A.C.E. (Police and Criminal Evidence Act. 1984).

I then complained to the IPCC about this unsatisfactory response and eventually received their reply which confirmed the above and also upheld the following important points;
"Mr. Todd's PROPERTY NOT SEIZED IT WAS STOLEN" (Two computers).
"Special Branch stole Mr. Todd's computers in order to PREVENT Mr. Todd's LEGITIMATE POLITICAL ACTIVITY."

On the strength of this I am now taking Civil proceedings through the County Court against Hampshire Constabulary and their Chief Constable.
Colin Todd. Editor.

Editorial



The lead article Message of Resurrection by A. K. Chesterton is taken from a 1947 issue of Candour's predecessor Truth. I was struck on rediscovering this writing how appropriate it is today. We have become so very much more separated from the countryside, farming and the production of food than at the end of the war. Remember that in 1947 rationing was still firmly in place for most staple foods.

The Winter of 1947 was one of the most severe ever recorded. Between January and March that year, snow fell everyday somewhere in the British Isles for 55 days straight.

This year the problem was seemingly endless rain and the resultant floods and damage.

We are much less healthy now than in 1947. Where perhaps thinness would once be viewed as a gauge of poverty what today passes for poverty seems to be mainly marked by gross obesity. A lot of this is due to ignorance of which foods to buy and how to prepare and cook them. Also laziness and stupidity play their part. So much information and so little knowledge

Not only do we encourage the damnable supermarkets, and I am as guilty as any, by patronising them and thereby conniving in their deliberate destruction of the village shop and town high street we then have the cheek to complain about the changing face of our communities.

Much of the food we buy from these sources is also poisoned, if indeed it is even what it purports to be. (Think horsemeat in the food chain). Everything full of chemicals. Genetically modified vegetables. Factory farmed animals reared in abominable conditions. What an appalling list and, we all know, the tip of the iceberg. (Ah, yes the water).

At this time of rebirth I am going to start a small vegetable plot using seeds I bought from "The Lost Gardens of Heligan" some years ago. Many of these are the direct descendants of old Victorian varieties thought to have disappeared many decades ago. (Let's see if I can keep it going).

DIGGING FOR VICTORY

As you must all be aware Candour does not endorse or support any political 'party'.

Party time was over long ago.

Your Editor shall spend whichever day the Euro elections are on planting some vegetables instead of wasting time voting for any.

APOLOGIES

As is obvious from the lead article and St. George's Day image this issue was meant to reach subscribers earlier. My apologies. *C.T.*

The Numbering Sequence of Candour

By Rob Black

After a recent sale of back issues the question was asked why we had stopped the numbering of issues in 1974. This with previous and subsequent errors in the numbering/dates/volume sequences meant some difficulties for students and collectors and indeed ourselves in keeping track.

When you have been around as long as we have, with just three editors in sixty-one years, we may be forgiven for the occasional error.

Between the webmaster and a subscriber who has a complete set of *Candour's* and *Interim Reports* we have arrived at the conclusion that this issue is No. **853**!

The subsequent numbers in the sequence will appear in brackets on the line below the masthead in future issues.

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From the earliest times man was inspired with fresh courage for the problems of life by the spectacle of the rebirth of living things from their winter's death. The inspiration received a deeper significance when the awakening of the natural world became a symbol of that first Easter Day when the Son of God rose from the dead. Modern materialism which cares for neither message has plunged man into a gulf of despair into which even his pagan ancestors were saved from falling.

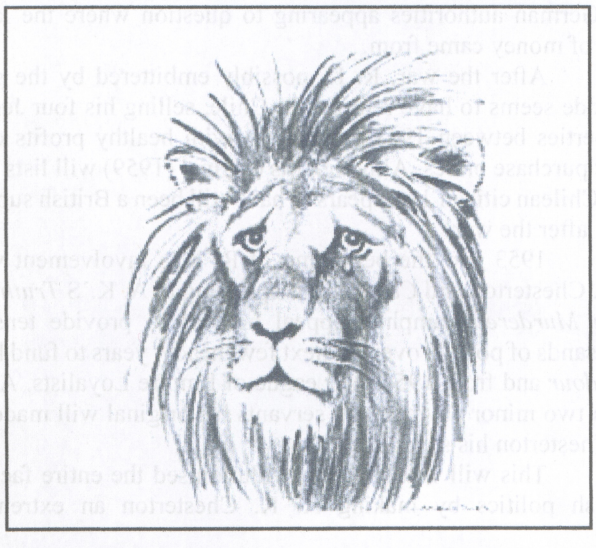
Not for years has there been an Easter in Britain when the "natural" - as distinct from the "Divine" - message has been presented in more impressive form, apparent even to the least rural-minded of those who spent the holiday in the country. The man or woman must be wholly without imagination not to share the exhilaration of the belated rebirth of life this spring after a worst winter than any in recent history. The bill for the cruel months that are past has not yet been fully rendered; but it is clear that thousands of head of cattle and sheep, thousands of acres of winter-sown crops, potatoes wasted in the clamp and sugar beet in the field will be part of the reckoning which the nation's agriculture has to pay. All this has occurred at a time when the nation is dependent, as seldom before, on its ability to feed itself from home production. It is not a cheerful thought, yet the coming of spring which at last set bounds to the disaster encourages cheerfulness in those who are less depressed by the prospect of the almost superhuman efforts required of them than by the helpless inactivity to which they have been condemned while winter ran riot. The message of Easter in the countryside this year is a tocsin call to unremitting labour to make up for time lost. It is to evoke a response adequate to the country's need, the living impulse which awakens beast and plant must find an echo in the hearts of the men without whose resolute co-operation it cannot be brought to fruition.

It is not only to workers in agriculture, however, that Easter brings an urgent message. The late "winter of our discontent" afflicted the towns no less than the country. Hope had to be robust indeed to survive fireless grates and workless factories. Under skies from which the sun had vanished and snow relentlessly fell, it almost seemed as if the exceptional rigour of the weather were a presage of the economic and political misfortunes with which the nation was threatened, a presage of gloom and death. Spring has come at last, and light and life are restored. Can it be said that there is any corresponding lightening of the economic and political outlook? Honesty compels one to admit that there is not. One feels like the poet in the last days of the Roman Empire who, describing the awakening of spring all around him, cried - "Quando ver verit meum?", "When will my spring come?" Our spring, Britain's spring, will not come of its own accord with the inevitable process of the months. Its coming depends on our efforts. Even in the towns where spring brings no summons to till and sow the waiting land the message of Easter is vital, encouraging that rebirth of the spirit of energy and resolution which, in every department of the nation's life, alone can overcome obstacles and achieve the seeming miracle of a national resurrection.

In so far as the nation ignores or has forgotten the true meaning of Easter the message will be in vain. The refreshment of a holiday, which is all the benefit the in-different derive from the festival, will wear off in a few days or a few weeks ; boredom and fatigue will grow again, and the short lived impulse to productive effort will peter out. To state that lack of religion is at the root of many of the country's troubles may provoke the scorn of the materialist who will admit no motive in human affairs which cannot be fitted into hard-and-fast plans and enumerated in forms and statistics. His scorn cannot alter the fact that the statement is true. It is another matter to suggest how the lack can be supplied. The various religious bodies representative of or-

ganised Christianity all have their own different and conflicting remedies. Far from presuming to judge between them, one earnestly wishes that all or any - no matter which - may succeed. Few signs of a religious revival are apparent from any quarter. All one can usefully do in its absence is to encourage those lower manifestations of spiritual emotion - lower, that is, than the motive of personal religion - which have been able in the past, and still are able today, to devote themselves to purposes transcending their immediate comfort and advantage. Among the chief of such of such impulses is patriotism. It is an emotion almost as much scorned as is religion by planners of the modern school, whose ideal is the international termite-State. In this respect, however, the British still tend to be old-fashioned. It is only a short time ago that the British nation threw itself wholeheartedly into a national struggle for national survival and set an example which astonished the world, showing what can be achieved by men and women who spare themselves neither toil nor danger to promote the success of their cause. Has the spirit of 1940, the spirit even of 1945, died utterly in Britain? It is unbelievable that so great a change should have taken place so quickly. The spirit is not dead, but it smoulders very low for lack of inspiration to rekindle it. It is likely to sink even lower under the ineptitude of present leadership.

To allow a plea for a religious revival to turn into a political controversy would be an error of taste. Let it be clear that present leadership is chiefly to be condemned not because it is Socialist but because it is inept. The crying need of the nation at the moment is for men strong enough in mind and character - no matter what are their political convictions - to kindle again to a burning fire the enormous resources of courage, energy and self-sacrifice which lie dormant in the people of Britain. Conservatives would prefer such men to come from their own party; if the rare qualities which are desired were apparent even in a political opponent they would welcome them. What appalls patriots of every shade of political opinion is the total absence of inspiration, or ability to inspire, in any of those who direct the nation's affairs. If Britain sinks irrevocably into the grave, it will not be the fault of her people but of her leaders. The spirit is ready to be evoked, but there is no one with the spell to evoke it. This is not a conclusion to promote despair. The British are a great nation only needing someone to lead them. It is not a hopeless quest, far less hopeless than that of the leader who seeks greatness in a nation that lacks it. Britain has emerged at last from a winter whose rigours have been seldom surpassed. She has it in her to emerge no less safely from the winter of economic and political troubles which beset her. Easter is the great festival of the Resurrection. From its example one may derive hope of a lesser resurrection - that of the country which we love.



Without Two World Wars - No Israel

The Balfour Declaration

November 2nd 1917

The Balfour Declaration may be the most extraordinary document produced by any Government in world history. It took the form of a letter from the Government of His Brittanic Majesty King George the Fifth, the Government of the largest empire the world has ever known on which - once upon a time - the sun never set; a letter to an international financier of the banking house of Rothschild who had been made a peer of the realm.

Arthur Koestler wrote that in the letter "one nation solemnly promised a second nation the country of a third." More than that, the country was still part of the Empire of a fourth, namely Turkey.

The infamous letter from British Foreign Secretary Arthur James Balfour (1846 - 1930) to Lord Lionel Walter Rothschild, 2nd Baron Rothschild (1868 - 1937).

"Foreign Office
November 2nd, 1917.

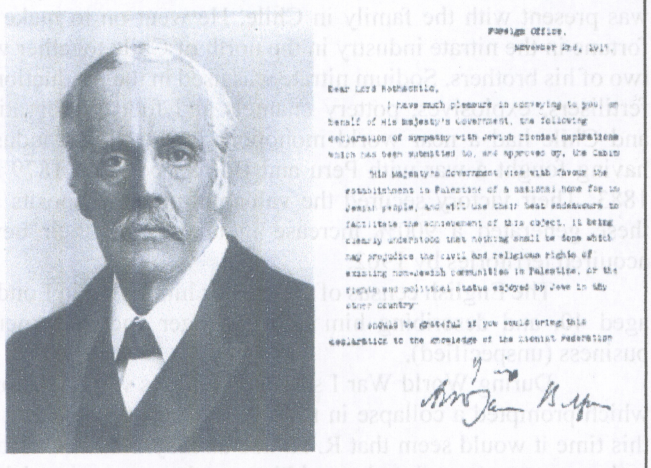
Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet:

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country."

I should be grateful if you would bring this Declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

Yours sincerely,
Arthur James Balfour."



Balfour and the infamous Declaration that led to so much suffering for the Palestinian people.

Visit the website of the **Institute for Historical Review** at ***www.ihr.org*** to read ***Behind the Balfour Agreement*** by Robert John for an in-depth examination of this crucial subject.

Candour's Financial Founder R. K. Jeffery was A Very Remarkable Man!

By Rob Black

Quite how remarkable is only now becoming apparent.

A new book about the early history of Candour and the often dynamic and worldwide headline grabbing activities of the League of Empire Loyalists is in the pipeline with an intended launch this Autumn of which the following is just an outline sketch 'taster'. It is a "work in progress". I know how much effort Rob has and is putting into his research. I hope you appreciate how fortunate we are to have people of such quality stepping up to the line.

The A. K. Chesterton Trust still has many boxes and files that have not been opened since the 1950's. It is extremely important that we purchase a large number of clear plastic, watertight, storage boxes immediately. (See EXTRA!)

Colin Todd.

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Robert Key Jeffery was born on 3rd August 1870 in Ramsbury, Wiltshire, England.

As far as we have been able to establish he was the third of four sons born to Robert Key Jeffery and Fanny Rebecca (nee Moon). His birth certificate reveals his father to have been a Master Mariner, which may explain the family's absence from British census returns, apart from baptismal records which reveal that all of the Jeffery sons were baptised together in Liverpool in 1873.

The next sighting of the Jeffery's comes in a Board of Trade Report, dated August 1889, into the loss of the 1,000 ton barque "Bellaport" off Chile. Robert Key Jeffery (Snr.) is one of the report's signatories who as well as being described here as a Master Mariner is also a surveyor to Lloyds of London the international maritime insurers.

It therefore seems certain that our R. K. Jeffery (Jnr.) was present with the family in Chile. He went on to make his fortune in the nitrate industry in the north of Chile together with two of his brothers. Sodium nitrate was used in the production of fertilisers, explosives, pottery enamels and food preservatives and Chile had a near world monopoly in the nitrate industry having fought a war with Peru and Bolivia between 1879 and 1883. Their victory secured the valuable mineral deposits and these generated a 900% increase in taxes from their newly acquired territories by 1902.

The English census of 1911 finds him living in London, aged 40, and describing him as a manager and a partner in business (unspecified).

During World War I synthetic nitrates were developed which prompted a collapse in the Chilean mineral industry. By this time it would seem that R. K. had already made his fortune and was astute enough to have ridden out the economic crisis.

Candour records that R. K. Served with the Army in Europe during the Great War, but we have been unable to verify this. An identity card issued during the Second World War to R.K. by the Jersey authorities during German occupation states that he had **not** served in the Army.

Robert Key Jeffery
***Candour's* Financial Founder**

During the 1930's, R. K. alternated between England and Chile, and eventually he appears to have settled in Jersey, where he purchased four properties between the period 1933 and 1943.

Papers in the National Archives at Kew reveal that he was immensely rich. The British Treasury was compulsorily purchasing individual's gold just before the occupation and R. K. was extremely reluctant to part with the gold stored in a specially constructed strong room in his main residence.

R. K. parted with his gold only after a bitter fight having insisted on payment in Bank of England £5 bank notes. Lloyd's Bank in Jersey could not stand a draft of £80,000 and the cash in banknotes were reluctantly dispatched from London.

He was described as "rather a peculiar person who invests all of his money in gold" and he seems to have managed to retain 700 gold Louis for travel to and from Chile, much to the Treasury's displeasure. He may also have managed to keep possession of a matured $60,000 U.S. Government Bond.

The Germans occupied the Channel Islands in June 1940 and for various reasons the records become even more difficult to follow and perhaps pose more questions than they answer. It seems that R. K. Jeffery paid £2,328 to purchase Dielament Manor in January 1943 without, perhaps surprisingly, the German authorities appearing to question where the large sum of money came from.

After the war, R. K. possibly embittered by the gold episode seems to have returned to Chile, selling his four Jersey properties between 1948 and 1955 - with healthy profits over their purchase prices. Although his original (1959) will lists him as a Chilean citizen he appears to have still been a British subject until after the war.

1953 saw the beginning of R. K.'s involvement with A.K. Chesterton and *Candour*. Responding to A. K.'S *Truth has been Murdered* pamphlet appeal he was to provide tens of thousands of pounds over the next few, heady, years to fund both *Candour* and from 1954 the League of Empire Loyalists. Apart from two minor payments to servants his original will made A. K. Chesterton his sole heir.

This will would have revolutionised the entire face of British politics by making A. K. Chesterton an extremely

wealthy man and by extension further financed the LEL and *Candour*. It was not to be . As R. K. lay dying in unbelievable agony from a gangreanous hernia, drifting in and out of consciousness a new will was produced and signed with a thumbprint. Indeed there is the very real possibility that R. K. may not even have been alive when this was done. This second will left everything to his illegitimate daughter Maria Elba Smith.

A.K. Chesterton instructed solicitors in Santiago, Chile, to contest the 'new' will, but before they could obtain the sealed document in A.K.'s favour which had been lodged at the bank of Chile, it was extracted by R.K.'s lawyer (executor?) on his illegitimate daughters instructions and handed to her. Her husband, Roberto Zencovitch, then conveniently "lost" it on a bus! As sealed wills in Chile must be opened in a court of law, A.K.'s solicitors had everyone concerned arrested on a charge of conspiracy to steal a will. Unfortunately the court found there was insufficient evidence in the charges of deliberate destruction of the original will and this decision was later upheld by an appeal court. The court cases in Chile ran until 1971 by which time A.K. and his funds were exhausted.

That R.K. Jeffery was an eccentric there is no denying. He sent many thousands of pounds (millions of pounds in today's devalued currency) to A.K. Chesterton, a man he had never met, to dispose of as he saw fit. He kept his fortune in gold and he did not believe in interest because he "believed that money deposited for safe keeping should not make a profit for the owner".

He is said to have kept a bath full of walnuts in case of a world walnut shortage and he had wine substituted for water in the fountains of the Plaxa Prat of his nearest Chilean town so that public holidays could be "wetted".

"Die-softs" was the uncomplimentary name A.K. gave those Conservatives who hovered on the fringes of the *LEL* and *Candour* while endlessly talking loudly about 'respectability' and deploring the *LEL's* stunts. Indeed he aimed *FORWARD THE EXTREMISTS!* at them. Perhaps we need a new article, *FORWARD THE ECCENTRICS!* for there can surely be few things more soul destroying than to be one of the sheeple.

That Mr. Jeffery's final wishes were subverted and A.K. Chesterton's great inheritance stolen is, of course, a source of endless regret and believe me the "what might have been" discussions have often continued long into night. Without R. K.'s initial backing *Candour* would most likely have gone the way of so many well intentioned efforts before and since with a very few notable exceptions and the *LEL* never heard of.

Let us also remember that above all R. K. was a proud Briton who never forgot the land of his birth. He selflessly tried to ensure its survival through his financial backing of *Candour* and the *League of Empire Loyalists*.

We at *Candour* and the *A. K. Chesterton Trust* do not forget our friends.

ROBERT KEY JEFFERY
1870 - 1961

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Fragments of Empire

By Rob Black

Part 2

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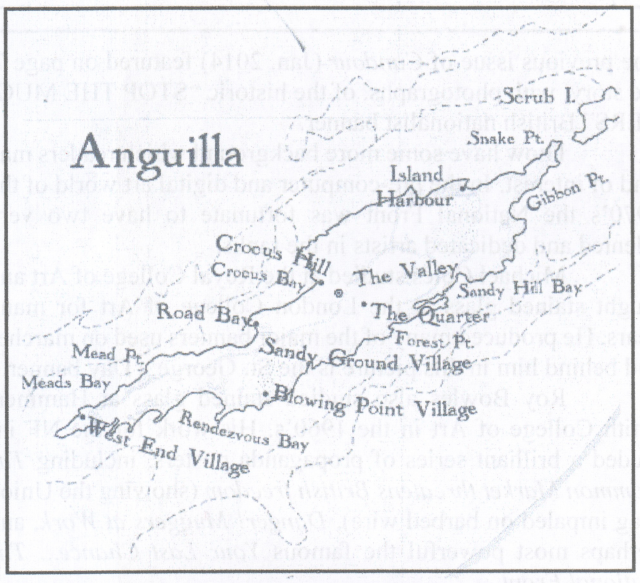

Anguilla is an island in the Caribbean, in the north of the Leeward Islands chain. (See last issue of *Candour* Jan 2014, for Introduction and large map for **Part 1 - Introduction** to this series). The main island is sixteen miles long by three miles wide at its widest point with a population of approximately 13,500. There are also a number of uninhabited smaller islands.

The island was first settled by Arawak Indians from South America and their traces go back to around 1300 BC. Some sources say that Christopher Columbus sighted the island in 1493 and others claim the French first sighted the island seventy years later. What is certain is that the first European settlers were Englishmen from nearby Saint Kitts from 1650 onwards. The early settlement was fraught with difficulties with raids by fierce Carib Indians, a short term seizure by the French, drought and famine but the settlement hung on. There were also further damaging French raids in 1756 and 1796.

The islanders tried a number of different crops as the years went by, corn, tobacco, and cotton all came and went. Eventually sugar which was in great demand in Europe proved the most successful crop during the 18th century.

African slaves were introduced in an attempt to develop plantations but the climate and soil were unsuitable. The failing plantations gradually closed and the slaves were released. When the British Empire abolished slavery in 1833 most Europeans left Anguilla, and the population fell from 10,000 to around 2,000. The population settled down as a community of peasant farmers and fishermen.

The British authorities placed the island under the administrative control of St. Kitts in 1824, a decision which was unpopular among the islanders who had previously managed their own affairs and who perceived a lack of interest and economic development from the St. Kitts authorities. There were to be a number of requests for Anguilla to be ruled directly from London, but without success.

The 1890's brought great hardship from drought and famine as did the great depression of the 1930's which hit Anguilla particularly hard. Many workers left the island to

work in the sugar cane fields elsewhere in the Caribbean. The difficulties caused a number of labour disturbances throughout the British West Indies, and these prompted a Royal Commission which examined social and economic conditions in the islands. The commission advocated political and social reforms, and its findings hastened the democratisation of the political process.

The two world wars generally passed the island by, but not completely. There are 20 names commemorated on the island war memorial from World War I and another 6 from World War II. The memorial includes men from St. Kitts and Nevis.

Anguilla was granted universal adult suffrage in 1952, and as the British Empire began to disintegrate the Leeward Islands Federation joined the West Indies Federation in 1958. This Federation consisted of various British West Indian possessions and aimed to create a single independent state, but its life was short. It collapsed in 1962 due to internal political conflicts and a complete lack of public support.

The British Government attempted to place Anguilla in an associated state with St. Kitts and Nevis in 1967, but this was the final straw for the Anguillans who had never been content with their rule from St. Kitts. They rose in rebellion on 30th May 1967, ejected the thirteen man strong St. Kitts police force and established their own independent republic. Local politician Ronald Webster became Chief Minister. The Anguillans went as far as launching their own invasion of St. Kitts, on 10th June 1967, when the St. Kitts Defence Force camp and Police Headquarters were attacked by eighteen men, five of whom were captured. This rather farcical action had the unexpected benefit of keeping the St. Kitts authorities focused on the defence of their island while Anguilla organised its new republic and a public referendum, which overwhelmingly rejected any union with St. Kitts.

The British Government was forced to intervene, and various schemes aimed at solving the problems were attempted but all were rejected either by the Anguillan Council or the population through referendum.

A new British envoy, William Whitlock, arrived on 11 March 1969 with a proposal for a new interim British administration but he quickly made himself unpopular through a complete lack of tact. He was expelled at gunpoint within hours of his arrival. On 19 March a contingent of 2nd Battalion , the Parachute Regiment plus forty Metropolitan Police officers landed on the island, ostensibly to "restore order". Their arrival had been leaked in advance to the press, and when the Paratroopers landed from two Royal Navy frigates they were met only by journalists. The troops advanced inland, finding most of the Anguillans fast asleep. The invasion was greeted with surprise and some indignation, but no resistance. The Anguillans were content, but the invasion dubbed the 'Bay of Piglets' by the world press, cost the British tax payer £600,000 within six months, William Whitlock his career, and contributed to the defeat of Harold Wilson's government in 1970.

The troops withdrew by the autumn and they were replaced by Royal Engineers tasked with improving the island infrastructure.

The most unusual aspect of Anguilla's declaration of UDI was its wish to run against the tide of history and return to Colonialism. The loyal islanders wished only to conduct their own affairs and although the political process took many years, they eventually achieved their aim. In 1980 Anguilla formally became a British dependent territory.

Anguilla today is a stable parliamentary democracy with a growing economy, fuelled mainly by tourism. Lately it has become a popular tax haven.

Its National Day is 30th May, the anniversary of the rebellion and Ronald Webster is regarded as the father of the nation. His birthday is a public holiday.

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Nationalist History

Michael Coles (seated), with Roy Bowles, of the Design & Display Group of the then National Front's Publicity Department. (Picture and information from *Spearhead* No. 104, April 1977).

The previous issue of *Candour* (Jan. 2014) featured on page 7. the story, with photographs, of the historic "STOP THE MUGGERS" British nationalist banner.

I now have some more background which readers may find of interest. In the pre-computer and digital art world of the 1970's the National Front was fortunate to have two very talented and dedicated artists in the ranks.

Michael Coles studied at the Royal College of Art and taught stained glass at the London College of Art for many years. He produced many of the major banners used on marches and behind him in this picture is the St. George's Day banner.

Roy Bowles also studied stained glass at Hammersmith College of Art in the 1960's. His work for the NF included a brilliant series of propaganda posters, including *The Common Market threatens British freedom* (showing the Union Flag impaled on barbed wire), *Danger! Muggers at Work*, and perhaps most powerful the famous *Your Last Chance... The National Front.*

He also executed the "STOP THE MUGGERS" banner which led the Hackney march in 1975.

Both were both members of the Hounslow Branch and explained in *Spearhead* that one the principal reasons that led to their support of British nationalism was "the degenerate and declining level of British art under alien influence, to the exclusion of British talent and native British sources of inspiration."

Book Review by Colin Todd of:

Blackshirts In Geordieland

by Gordon Stridiron

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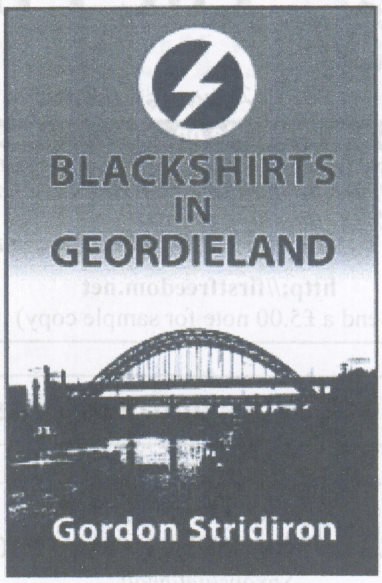

I should explain for the benefit of many of our overseas readers, what the GEORDIELAND of the title is. A Geordie (such as the Editor of *Candour*) is a native of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne and the immediately surrounding area. Here the author is using the term in a much broader sense, that is well recognised, to cover the whole North East of England. (The cover illustration is of the Tyne Bridge. Sydney Harbour Bridge was built by the same firm of Middlesbrough engineers).

The Blackshirts of the title refers to members of the British Union of Fascists (& National Socialists after 1937) founded by Sir Oswald Mosley in 1932 and which was usually referred to as British Union (BU).

Many think of the BU as being perhaps somehow a largely East End of London phenomena and certainly the media, it has to be said from laziness and bias, have concentrated on this element of the history such as endlessly repeating the myths of the non-existent "battle of Cable Street".

In fact the BU was a nationwide movement which had both strong industrial and rural roots and policies for many groups in British society such as small shopkeepers and workers in the Lancashire cotton industry for example.

For many reasons including the destruction of and or hiding of their own membership lists and internal organisational documents after the outbreak of war to try and prevent more internments under Regulation 18B and the deaths of BU members on active service in His Majesty's Forces, also it must be added neglect, the history of the fascist movement in many parts

Durham City BUF office at 85 Claypath in 1933.

of the British Isles is a largely blank canvas. ***Blackshirts in Geordieland*** is, I believe, an important document that will lead the way in an upsurge of research and publishing with the intention of putting the record straight. In future, students will be reaching for books such as this for the facts they need when writing their thesis. That is not to suggest though that this is in any way a dry academic work. It has been written with a love of the area, of 'Geordieland', that is palpable.

As a young Labour MP, for Smethwick in the Midlands, Mosley was popular among the mining community and as early as 1925 he was nominated to speak at the Durham Miners Gala.

"Mosley later said that he took the idea for rallies from the Durham Miners Gala, not Hitler. He said: 'I don't suppose it would be believed for one moment, but I first had the idea of dramatising politics, not from Italy or Germany, but in the town* of Durham where I used to go and speak to the Miners Gala. Every year over 100,000 miners used to march into that town with their bunting and bits of colour, marching in formation with as much spectacle as they could possible manage. I learned that from the miners of Durham not Mussolini."

***Durham is, of course, a city with a remarkably beautiful cathedral (Ed.)**

Veteran nationalist Gordon Stridiron has gone back to basics and performed a prodigious feat of patient research. By trawling the libraries and newspaper archives of the region the author has pieced together, in a remarkably detailed and vivid way, a piece of OUR history.

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Mr. Stridiron has provided a wonderful example, a template. Indeed I hear that a possible ***Blackshirts in Yorkshire*** by another author may be in the pipeline. I do hope so. Also one hopes that others will be inspired to research their own regions before even more of OUR history slips away never to be retrieved. Wherever in the world you are get a copy!

I must also mention here ***Blackshirts in Devon*** by Todd Gray which I have not yet seen but had recommended to me a while back. **ISBN 978-1-903356-46-3.**
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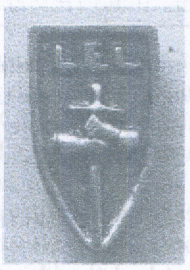

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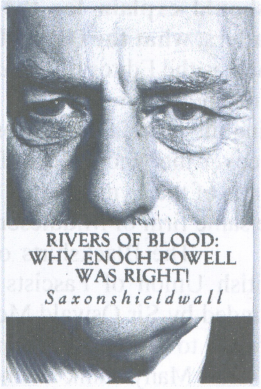

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Our webmaster Rob Black is putting much time and effort into research and writing. (This includes previously untapped archives worldwide). I am really looking forward to this.

You could help us by ordering your copy in advance.

Our finances are even more stretched than usual with another A3 printer needed among other things. (Approximate cost £200). This will get us back into colour printing again which is especially needed for all of our back issues from August 2008 on as well as our 2014 catalogue, Back Issues catalogue etc.

For coming issues we have new articles by the popular Hereward More, Robert Henderson, Jez Turner, Rob Black, myself and a 'no-holds barred' interview with veteran British nationalist Richard Edmonds is already taking shape.

Apart from stepping up production of *Candour* your editor is planning the second book in the Empire Reprint Series to follow on from No. 1 **Mau Mau: The Oaths**.

No. 2 **The Amritsar Massacre Myth** will actually be a combination of old and new material and will look at India for a change and include some hard facts about the liberal icon the saintly Mahatma Ghandi. David Cameron was there, last year I think, and issued a groveling apology at the site on 'our behalf' for another non-existent 'crime' of the bestial British Empire. We must put the means of rebuttal in people's hands so that when it happens again and again, which it will, you can knock of a letter to the press with some TRUTHS.

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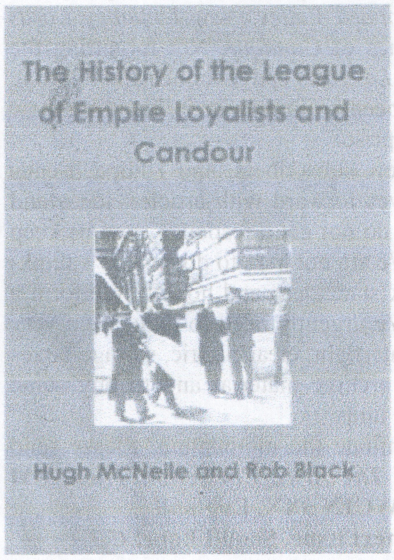

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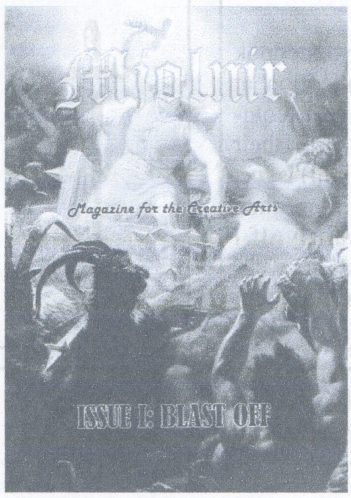

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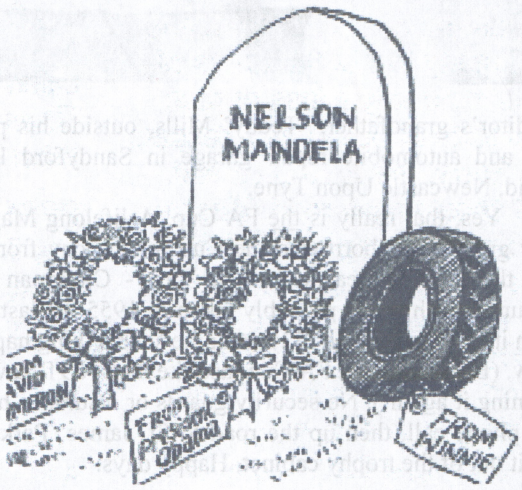
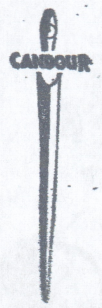


BANNER IDEA

We need a banner to improve the look of our stalls and attract attention at meetings. Does anyone have a company who do these things on their doorstep? The illustration (right) is just an idea and we may go for more than the one design/slogan for variety. If I had colour you would see that the website address should be red or blue.
More in next issue.



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I, Colin Todd, was a member while I was serving in the Royal Navy and have a few issues of bulletins here. I also had the badge which I lost long ago. Miss. De Bounvialle, I seem to recall, fell out with the chap behind it who insisted on remaining anonymous while using her address. Anyway it faded away after a year or so. Still an interesting 'blip' on the radar and I would like to hear from any other former members.

Above: The masthead of the A5 sized bulletins.
Left:The symbol of the British Resistance. I remember the badge was very small and the R was silver on dark blue enamel.

A Real Geordie with the FA Cup!

The Editor's grandfather, 'Teddy' Mills, outside his petrol station and automobile repair garage in Sandyford Road, Jesmond, Newcastle Upon Tyne.

Yes, that really is the FA Cup. A lifelong Magpies fan my grandfather borrowed the Cup for the day from his friend, the then Newcastle United Vice - Chairman Stan Seymour Snr. This was probably taken in 1955 the last time we won it (also in '51 and '52). Imagine such a thing happening now. (Borrowing the FA Cup just like that. NOT Newcastle winning it again!). No security guards or insurance hassle just a 'phone call, then up the road to St. James' Park, and taking it out of the trophy cabinet. Happy days.

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I missed putting the update on this appeal in the last *EXTRA!* with the Jan 2014 issue. As of the Sept/Oct 2013 issue we had reached some £650.00. Since then we have received:
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